

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance was issued June 8, 2006 in the above-identified patent application. In lieu of paying the issue fee, applicants are filing the present amendment, together with a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114.

In accordance with the present amendment, the specification has been amended to update applicants' claim for benefit of their related U.S. Provisional patent applications, in the manner prescribed in 37 CFR §1.78(a).

This amendment also includes new claims 28-49, which are drawn to particular embodiments of applicants' invention. Support for new claims 28-49 is provided in the present specification, *inter alia*, at pages 20-22, and pages 81-84 (Example 43). Support is also provided by original claims 17-24.

Submitted herewith for consideration by the examiner in relation to the present specification amendment are copies of the official filing receipt, the title page and claim 1 from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/515,944, which clearly show the relationship between the present application and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/515,944.

No new matter has been introduced into this application by reason of the present amendment, entry of which is respectfully requested.

As the new claims cover particular embodiments of subject matter that has already been allowed, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

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1. Official Filing Receipt from U.S. Application No. 10/699,336
2. Title page and claim 1 from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/515,944



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